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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 538

DATE PREPARED: Apr 3, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Apr 2, 2001

SUBJECT: Child Intervention Program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows the Division of Mental Health to award grants to local units of government for the establishment of local programs responsible for developing a coordinated, family centered, community-based system of services for children with serious emotional disturbances and their families. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Indiana Commission on Mental Health.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill establishes the Dawn Project Grant Program to be administered by the Division of Mental Health. The Division is directed to provide technical assistance for the five grants that they may award. The bill does not appropriate funds for the grants. Grants would be required to be funded within the current level of resources available to the Division.

The Dawn Project Program is a method of funding services for children with severe emotional disturbances that was first piloted in Marion County. The Project blends the funding streams from Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, State or local education appropriations, the Division of Mental Health and other agencies to provide a managed-care approach to children who have had multiple encounters with the system due to severe emotional problems. The plan also includes a risk-sharing component with the mental health organizations that manage the care of eligible children and their families.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The bill would allow up to five local units of government to receive Dawn Project Grants. A single grant could have a targeted service area of more than one county.

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health and the

Division of Family and Children; Department of Education, Division of Special Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local Juvenile Justice Agencies and Community Mental Health Centers.

Information Sources: